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SUBJ: EXTRADITION TREATY-THE NETHERLANDS

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1. EMBASSY RECENTLY ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL FOR STATUS REPORT ON OUR NOTE OF MARCH 16, 1976, PROPOSING ADDITION OF NARCOTICS OFFENSES TO LIST OF CRIMES IN US/DUTCH EXTRADITION CONVENTION. AFTER CHECHING WITH JUSTICE MINISTRY WE WERE TOLD THAT GON NOW PLANNING ADHERE TO "PROTOCOL AMENDING SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961." IN VIEW OF JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIALS, DUTCH ACTION WOULD NEGATE NEED FOR AMENDING BILATERAL CONVENTION SINCE US IS ALREADY A PARTY TO PROTOCOL. WE HAVE SINCE HEARD FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT GON HAS QUESTIONOF ADHERENCE TO PROTOCOL UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

2. WE NOTE THAT, WHILE ARTICLE 14(2) (B) (I) OF PROTOCOL WOULD INCLUDE OFFENSES SET OUT IN ARTICLE 14(1) AND (2) (A) (II) IN ESISTING EXTRADITION TREATIES, THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES (PERHAPS ONLY IN LANGUAGE) BETWEEN OFFENSES LISTED THERE AND THOSE WE PROPOSED FOR US/DUTCH EXTRADITION TREATY. DOES THISPOSE SERIOUS PROBLEM? UNLESS THERE ARE SERIOUS RPT SERIOUS RESERVATIONS TO HAVING PROTOCOL TO SINGLE CONVENTION SERVE AS
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NARCOTICS-INCLUDING MECHANISM FOR EXTRADITION CONVENTION, WE DO NOT THINK IT WORTH THE EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO SEEK HAVE US/DUTCH CONVENTION AMENDED. RECORD OF LAST FOUR YEARS IS NOT ENCOURAGING.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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